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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a 68-year-old who must have broadband to operate a business to support myself.

Because I have a choice of local providers besides ATT my telephone, internet and hosted website expenses leave me a profit. It would otherwise cost about \$275 more per month for these services.

Because I have a choice of a local a provider who carries fiber, I am expanded my business. I will am more competitive, and can earn a better living.

My local provider is competitive in price, only raises fees at reasonable intervals, never gouges and offers fiber--the key to my future business.

I also cut the cord on big-carrier television in 2008, using DSL and then broadband streaming for news and information.

If you limit to the big carriers, I will be forced to spend about \$500 more per month for business and information services from big carrierswho offer less and charge more.

That is a monopoly, and it amounts to charge the consumer for research and development, and fees to continue paying for infrastructure that is long paid for.

I urge you not to support broadband competition in all areas, including rural, for the needs of consumers like myself.

Thank you!

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